



Mr. Dick enjoying a barbershop quartet from the University of Indianapolis

* Celebrating Our Volunteers *

National Volunteer Week falls this week in April every year, so it seems appropriate to celebrate the countless volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and talents to Joy's House – helping to put on events, spending time with our Guests, keeping our spaces tidy, and in so many other ways. [Click here to learn how to volunteer at Joy's House.](#)

"I love our volunteers because they each bring something uniquely valuable to Joy's House... whether that's a special talent, a new way of approaching a situation or challenge, or just a positive energy. Our volunteers don't just accomplish tasks when they're here... they renew us." – Laura Weiger, Community Engagement Manager

"It is amazing to see our volunteers come in for the first time nervous, but then within a short time realize what we do and how much fun we have. They get into the mix of activities and I love seeing the smiles on their faces." – Adam Wagner, Operations Manager



Teri Sharkey with the Assistance League of Indianapolis, our most faithful volunteer group



Kenny Lyons (right) has been volunteering at Joy's House Broad Ripple for many years



Center Grove students visit for their annual day of service



Patrice from Forest Creek Village helping Mr. Robbie create a beautiful frame for his wife



Northview Church 2018 Good Neighbor Weekend

"We simply could not do what we do without our incredible volunteers – they are a huge part of what makes Joy's House special!"

– Laura Johnson, Senior VP of Family Care

"I love that we have volunteers that return, even after their service learning and scholastic requirements are fulfilled. It is so neat that they love what we do as much as we do." – Courtney Schmidt, Guest Relations Assistant

"I love our volunteers because it is refreshing and heartwarming to be reminded of unsolicited kindness and compassion for others. I especially love to witness that moment when they realize their actions for others have in turn been their own reward." – Delores Marr, Family Care Coordinator

If you are a Joy's House volunteer please join us for one of our Volunteer Appreciation Events this week!

At Joy's House Broad Ripple: Friday, April 12th 4 – 6 p.m.

Appetizers, drinks and desserts provided

RSVP to lweiger@joyshouse.org or call 317-254-0828

At Joy's House at UIndy: Thursday, April 11th 9 – 11 a.m.

Breakfast and coffee provided

RSVP to adam@joyshouse.org or call 317-737-2515

Joy's House University

Joy's House has launched a pilot program called Joy's House University. JHU is designed to provide opportunities for our Guests to engage and participate in continuing education classes. Classes are held on a weekly basis and include in-person discussions, video learning and hands-on demonstrations. Each month we'll cover a different and broad topic. Excitement about the program is evident in the Guests, staff and our speakers.

"There was such a pleasant buzz in the air as the Guests were busy putting the floral arrangements together. It is so exciting when our Guests are able to participate in these kind of activities because it allows them to experience a sense of purpose and brings back fond memories." – Theresa Bonner, Family Care Manager at Joy's House Broad Ripple



Flower arranging



History of Indiana



The Girl Scouts

So far this year topics covered include floral arranging, the history of the Girl Scouts and Garfield Park, the many travels of our Finance Manager, Liz Todd, and a painting class. Upcoming topics include a session on storytelling from Conner Prairie, presentations on beekeeping and maple syrup, and an information session on the organization Remember the Children. Guests are making statements like, "I have always wanted to try floral arranging and now I was given the chance" and are happy to create floral arrangements for their loved ones. It will be exciting to see where JH University grows and how it impacts our Guests!

Do you have a special talent you'd like to bring to Joy's House University? We are currently looking for activities and volunteers in the following areas: art, fashion, mixology, music, dancing and architecture. Please contact Leah Jones, Family Care Manager at Joy's House at UIndy, at leahj@joyshouse.org or 317-737-2515, for more information on how you can get involved.

Joy's House Arts and Crafts Fair

VENDOR VILLAGE & CREATIVE SHOWCASE

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF JOY'S HOUSE

What: Our first-ever Arts and Crafts Fair! This vendor village and creative showcase will feature unique art, products, handmade items and crafts from a wide variety of shops and artisans, all available for purchase – including art and handmade gifts from our Joy's House Guests! Door prizes will occur every hour and concessions will be available for purchase.

When: Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Joy's House Broad Ripple, 2028 E. Broad Ripple Avenue, Indianapolis

Cost: Admission is only \$2 at the door, with all proceeds benefitting Joy's House.

Interested in being a vendor? Call us at 317-254-0828.

Vote for Joy's House at BurgerFuel



Joy's House is excited to announce that we have been chosen as a featured monthly charity by our friends at BurgerFuel! Starting April 1st, all customers coming to BurgerFuel will be able to vote for their cause for the month. Every burger you buy gets you a voting token. The winning cause is decided via a voting system, participated in by burger lovers visiting the store – a bit like a penny race, but 1st place gets \$250 and 2nd gets \$150! Make sure to visit BurgerFuel at 6320 Guilford Avenue in Broad Ripple this month and cast your vote for Joy's House.



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